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\$COMMAND POST\$ LOCATION AND USE OF MOBILE TACTICAL GROUND CONTROLLERS
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BETWEEN 0539 AND 0544Z, 20 MAY 72, NVN AIRFIELD SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THE LOCATION OF A \$COMMAND POST\$ ON TOP OF VU KHOIR MOUNTAIN (POSSIBLY 20-38N 105-10E), AND THE INTENT TO USE MOBILE GROUND CONTROLLERS TO DIRECT MIGS IN TACTICAL SITUATIONS. AT 0539Z ON 20 MAY, COMMANDER TOAN AT HANOI BAC MAI ORDERED THE PROBABLE TACTICAL WATCH OFFICER (T/WO) AT PHUC YEN TO \$SEE IF THE COMMAND POST ON TOP OF VU KHOIR MOUNTAIN SAW THE ENEMY ACTIVITY AT DA((1)). DO YOU KNOW WHAT PLACE DA IS? THE T/WO REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, AND COMMANDER TOAN STATED \$WE THINK AN ENEMY PILOT IS DOWN IN THAT AREA. IF THEY COME IN TO TRY TO RESCUE THEM, THE PLAN IS TO STRIKE WITH MIG-19S. \$ DURING THE 0400Z HOUR ON 20 MAY, A NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE (NVAF) MIG-21 SHOT DOWN A U.S. F4. THE T/WO THEN STATED \$THE MEN AT THE MOUNTAIN REPORT THAT THE DISTANCE TO DA IS TOO FAR FOR THEM TO EFFECTIVELY CONTROL THE MIG-19S BY SIGHT. IN THE OPINION OF NHIEEN((2)), IF YOU NEED SOMEONE IN THE AREA TO CONTROL THEM BY SIGHT, WE SHOULD SEND OUT ONE OF THE VEHICLES WITH A RADIO DOWN TO THAT AREA. RIGHT AWAY. AT 0551Z, A SPEAKER AT BACH MAI STATED THAT A U.S. PILOT WAS DOWN THE GROUND AT HOA BINH. \$ ((1)) UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION. ((2)) UNIDENTIFIED PERSONALITY. XXHH 500 #3200 NNNH

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